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SUBJECT: MORE ON DETENTIONS AND ARRESTS

1. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ATHENS NEWS JANUARY 29 REPORTED THAT NIKOLAOS PSAROUDAKIS HAS FILED APPEAL WITH MINISTRY PUBLIC ORDER PROTESTING DEPORTATION TO YIAROS ISLAND, HAND DENYING ALLEGATIONS THAT HE CONSTITUTED RISK TO PUBLIC SECURITY. PSAROUDAKIS WAS ARRESTED EARLIER THIS MONTH (ATHENS - 0227) AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED AS TRANSFERRED TO YIAROS (ATHENS A-14). DEUTSCHE WELLE GREEK-LANGUAGE BROADCAST JANUARY 28 ALSO DEVOTED AIR TIME TO PSAROUDAKIS CASE CITING HIS CLAIM THAT DETENTION UNREASONABLE SINCE NO PROOF PRODUCED OF SUBVERSIVE OR IMPROPER ACTIVITIES. PSAROUDAKIS ALSO APPARENTLY CLAIMS HE IS VICTIM OF DOUBLE JEOPARDY STATING HE PREVIOUSLY IMPRISONED FOR SAME OFFENSE FOR WHICH HE NOW EXILED.

2. IN SAME DEUTSCHE WELLE BROADCAST, COMMENTATOR ALLEGED THAT NO PROPER MEDICAL FACILITIES EXIST ON YIAROS ISLAND AND AS RESULT GREEK ACTOR STAVROS PARAVAS WHO ALSO RECENTLY ARRESTED AND SENT TO YIAROS HAD TO BE TRANSPORTED BY CAIQUE TO SIROS ISLAND FOR REQUIRED MEDICAL

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TREATMENT (OF UNDISCLOSED NATURE). ADDITIONALLY, BROADCAST

ALLEGED THAT NIKOS KIAOS, FORMER FRENCH PAGE EDITOR FOR ATHENS NEWS (ATHENS-0028) WHO DETAINED ON YIAROS SINCE EARLIER THIS MONTH IS IN VERY POOR HEALTH AND SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY TRANSFERRED TO A HOSPITAL. IN ESTIMATION OF DEUTSCHE WELLE, THERE NOW "MORE THAN FIFTY PERSONS ON YIAROS".

3. DEUTSCHE WELLE ALSO REPORTED THAT AS RESULT OF RECENT DISTURBANCE BY STUDENTS AT ATHENS UNIVERSITY CHEMISTRY FACULTY (SEE ATHENS-506) MORE THAN FIFTY STUDENTS HAD BEEN TAKEN AWAY IN GREEK MILITARY POLICE (ESA) TRUCKS. TASCA

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